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SUBJECT:BICENTENNIAL HISTORY PROJECT

1. AS PART OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, A COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN ACADEMICS IS ORGANIZING A SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF AMERICANISTS WHICH HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS MESSAGES. IN ADDITION TO THESE CONFERENCES, THE BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF AMERICANISTS (BCICA) HAS ALSO ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSISTING WITH THE PREPARATION OF INVENTORIES, OR FINDING AIDS, TO AMERICAN-RELATED MANUSCRIPTS, DOCUMENTS, OR OTHER PRIMARY SOURCES IN FOREIGN ARCHIVES. SUCH GUIDES COULD FOLLOW THE MODEL OF THE CRICK AND ALMON GUIDE TO AMERICAN MATERIALS IN THE ARCHIVES OF GREAT BRITAIN. (SAMPLE BEING POUCHED) PREPARATION OF GUIDES OF THIS NATURE HAS ALREADY BEEN ENDORSED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, SPAIN, ITALY AND INDIA. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT A NUMBER OF OTHER NATIONS WILL SPONSOR THE PREPARATION OF SUCH INVENTORIES ON THE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNIAL.

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK GOM SPONSORSHIPS OF GUIDE

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TO AMERICAN-RELATED DOCUMENTS IN MEXICAN ARCHIVES. SUCH A

GUIDE WOULD BE A HIGHLY APPROPRIATE MEXICAN CONTRIBUTION TO  
U.S. BICENTENNIAL. IF GOM NOT IN POSITION TO PROVIDE

LIMITED FUNDING OF RESEARCHERS REQUIRED TO PREPARE  
GUIDE, NEXT BEST ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE GOM AUTHORIZATION  
FOR AND BLESSING OF GUIDE.

3. FYI PROFESSOR JOSEPH TULCHIN OF BCICA INFORMED DEPT  
HE DISCUSSED PROJECT WITH LCDA. MARIA EUGENIA LOPEZ ROUX,  
CHIEF OF ARCHIVES AND PUBLICATIONS OF FONOFF WHO IS READY  
AND WILLING TO DO JOB IN HER MINISTRY ONCE OFFICIAL  
AUTHORIZATION RECEIVED FROM HER SUPERIORS. AUTHORIZATION  
SHOULD ALSO BE DIRECTED TO DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES.  
UNDERSTAND LORENZO MEYER OF COLEGIO DE MEXICO COULD PRO-  
VIDE ACADEMIC SUPERVISION OF LOPEZ ROUX IF REQUIRED.  
END FYI.

4. IF GOM APPROVES PROJECT, BCICA PREPARED TO NAME AN  
ARCHIVIST TO ASSIST IN COORDINATING WORK AMONG SEVERAL  
MAJOR MEXICAN DEPOSITORIES AND ADVISE ON PROGRESS SIMI-  
LAR PROJECTS IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

5. REPORT RESULTS OF CONVERSATIONS. KISSINGER

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